

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM SGN

DATE: 03 May 1971

FROM : SZ DAD

REF. No. SZDAD/71/048

SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for April 1971

GENERAL

Significant incidents of hostile activity in the Danang area included rocket attacks during the nights of 8 and 26 April. In the former five 122mm rockets impacted in the city resulting in some civilian fatalities. One rocket in the attack of 26 April impacted in a Navy POL area, setting off one JP-4 storage tank. It took more than 12 hours to control the resulting fire.

Effective 25 April the city of Danang was placed on-limits for U.S. military personnel. The city had been off-limits since around 1964.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

The Embassy Air Operations Officer, Mr. O.B. Harnage, was transferred to Saigon as the Deputy Chief of Air. Continuing excellent relations with this customer can be expected from his replacement.

FACILITIES

No significant changes occurred in this area during the month. No action has been forthcoming from USAF Civil Engineering regarding the installation of a gate across the flight line access road or resurfacing of the 204B touchdown pads.

FISCAL

The French operated electric company, S.I.P.E.A., increased the rate for electricity from 14 to 15 piastres per kilowatt hour effective 1 March 1971.

██████████ payroll for the month totaled: 983,983\$VN

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 28,222\$VN

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time declined 41+08 hours as compared to the previous month. On three occasions deviations to established flight time standards were made to meet Embassy emergency requirements.

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The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station in April:

VN-91/AID	728+47
VN-91/Embassy	196+25
Non-Revenue	6+27
Total	931+39

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Maintenance	3+30
Weather	2+30
Customer Cancellations	4+10
Crew Rest	0+50
Total	11+00

HOSTEL

The hostel occupancy rate increased as compared to March. Of 525 beds available, 438 were utilized (83.43%).

Certificates of non-availability for a total of 7 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

An automatic on-off switch was installed for the Motorola UHF/VHF system. This action was apparently taken to preclude possible interference problems when the set was left on all the time.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1243 and 712 respectively.

TRAFFIC

No action has been taken by USAID to repair the damage to the Ground Services warehouse resulting from a rocket attack on 29 March.

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month of April are as follows:

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-9101/AID	2,473	2,749	192,781	48,719
VN-9102/Embassy	534	643	550	11,073
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AAM	94	88	16,183.9	21,202.5
Total	3,101	3,480	209,514.9	80,994.5

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SECURITY

Two ground personnel were the victims of armed robbery while enroute to the air base. The incidents were reported to local police officials who advised an increase in the number of patrols in the general area would be instituted.

PERSONNEL

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 30 April 1971, was as follows:

Permanent	3	15	12	64
Pre-Process	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily-hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (94)	3	15	12	64

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 495 arriving and departing flights as compared to 549 in March. A total of four number 1 services (one PC-6 and three 204B) and one number 2 service (204B) were performed. No engine changes were required and two aircraft were grounded for parts (1-VTB and 1-204B).

ECMD expended a total of 584 manhours of which 276 were consumed in hostel upkeep. A new leaching well was constructed at the hostel to remedy an overflowing septic vault problem. PEMD modified an unusable potable water trailer into a fuel tank for the hostel generator. It is no longer necessary to order drum fuel for this unit.

Routine access to the RSD warehouse was eliminated in order to reduce a moderate pilferage problem. It was therefore necessary to relocate ECMD storage and the RMD lockers to other areas.

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